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Docket: 2408-3775US

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In re application of:

Gregory N. Nordgren

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated April 1, 2004, be extended for three (3) months until October 1, 2004, thereby to maintain copendency of the above-captioned application and enable the filing of a continuation application thereof.

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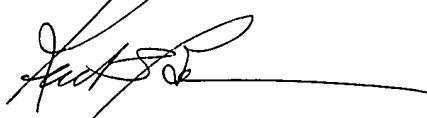
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